

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for annotating a Web-based document, comprising the steps of:
  - a. receiving at least one annotation element from a user;
  - b. associating the at least one annotation element with the Web-based document; and
  - c. rendering a personalized annotated Web-based document as a function of the Web-based document and the associated at least one annotation element.
2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:
  - d. modifying the Web-based document to allow the association of the at least one annotation element with the Web-based document.
3. The method according to claim 2, wherein step (a) includes the substep of:
  - i. preventing the Web-based document from being resized.
4. The method according to claim 3, wherein step (a) further includes the substeps of:
  - ii. overlaying an image file on the Web-based document, the image file depicting the at least one annotation element; and
  - iii. clipping a plurality of viewable regions of the image file around a pointer of an input device so that an action of the input device may reach the Web-based document.
5. The method according to claim 3, wherein step (a) further includes the substep of:
  - ii. associating at least one parameter for rendering an image of the at least one annotation element with the Web-based document.
6. A user computer arrangement for annotating a Web-based document in a Web browser, comprising:
  - an input device; and
  - a processor receiving at least one annotation element from a user via the input device, the processor associating the at least one annotation element with the Web-based document, the processor rendering a personalized annotated Web-based document as a function of the Web-based document and the associated at least one annotation element.

7. A user computer arrangement according to claim 6, further comprising:  
a storage device storing at least one of the Web-based document and the at least one annotation element.
8. A system for annotating a Web-based document, comprising:  
a user computer arrangement accessing the Web-based document, the user computer arrangement generating at least one annotation element; and  
a server arrangement communicating with the user computer arrangement via a communication network, the server arrangement receiving the at least one annotation element from the user computer arrangement, the server arrangement associating the at least one annotation element with the Web-based document, the server arrangement rendering a personalized annotated Web-based document as a function of the Web-based document and the associated at least one annotation element.

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